

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

**Gary L. Graunke**

Serial No.: 10/782,572

Filed: February 18, 2004

For: **AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
DISTRIBUTING PRIVATE KEYS TO AN  
ENTITY WITH MINIMAL SECRET,  
UNIQUE INFORMATION**

Examiner: Paul E. Callahan

Art Group: 2437

Conf. No.: 4741

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 10.